

APPENDIX A

PLATOON ORGANIZATION, SEATING, AND VEHICLE DISMOUNTING DRILLS

This appendix outlines the organization and drills necessary for seating three squads of infantry in a BFV platoon. The platoon can fight mounted or dismounted, or as part of a task-organized company team of mechanized infantry and tank platoons. The M2A3-equipped platoon is similarly to a conventional Bradley platoon, but digital command and control enhancements provide additional options for the platoon leader.

A-1. MOUNTED ELEMENT

The decision to fight mounted or dismounted is made by the platoon leader based on the factors of METT-TC. Once the rifle squads have dismounted, the vehicles serve as a base-of-fire as the squads close with and destroy the enemy.

a. The mounted element (Figure A-1) is equipped with four BFVs organized as two, two-vehicle sections. When the squads and the platoon leader dismount, the platoon sergeant controls the two mounted sections. The “A” section leader is the platoon leader’s wingman and platoon master gunner. The “B” section leader is the platoon sergeant’s wingman. When the platoon leader dismounts, the platoon leader’s gunner becomes the BC, and an alternate gunner assumes the duties of gunner.

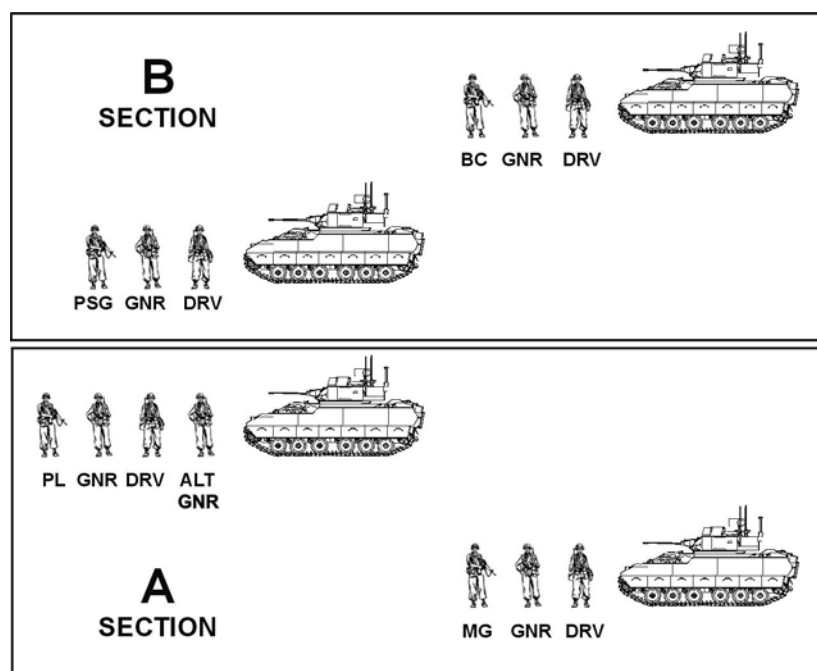


Figure A-1. Mounted element.

b. The BFV platoon has three rifle squads. Each rifle squad consists of two four-man fire teams and a squad leader (Figure A-2, page A-2) and has a command launch unit for the Javelin and an M240B machine gun. Two riflemen in the squad are trained and

qualified on the M240B—one as the gunner and the other as assistant gunner. Three nine-man squads make up the platoon's dismounted element.

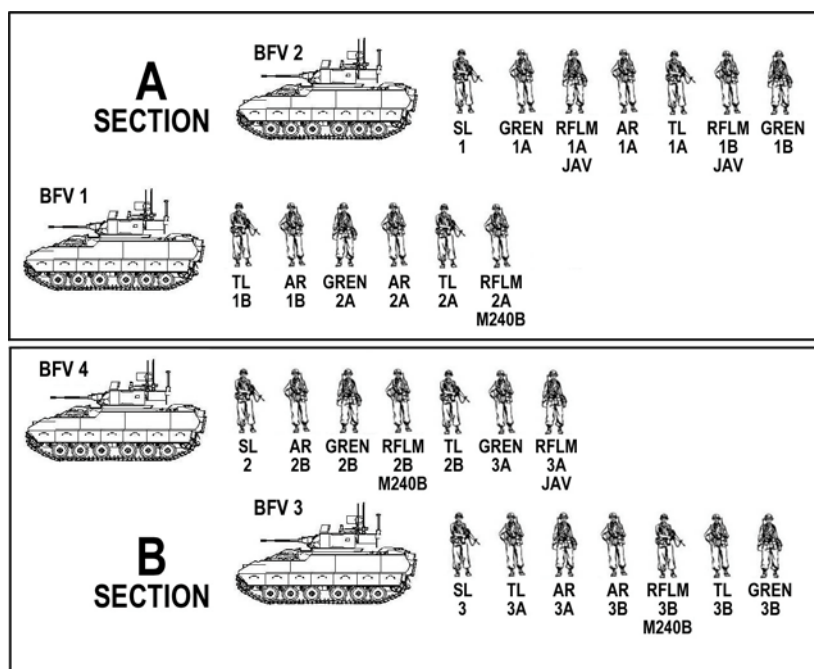


Figure A-2. Rifle squad vehicle assignment.

A-2. VEHICLE SEATING PLAN

Each vehicle provides seating for ten personnel—three vehicle crewmembers (BC, gunner, and driver) and seven soldier in the troop compartment (Figure A-3). This places a fire team (+) on each vehicle.

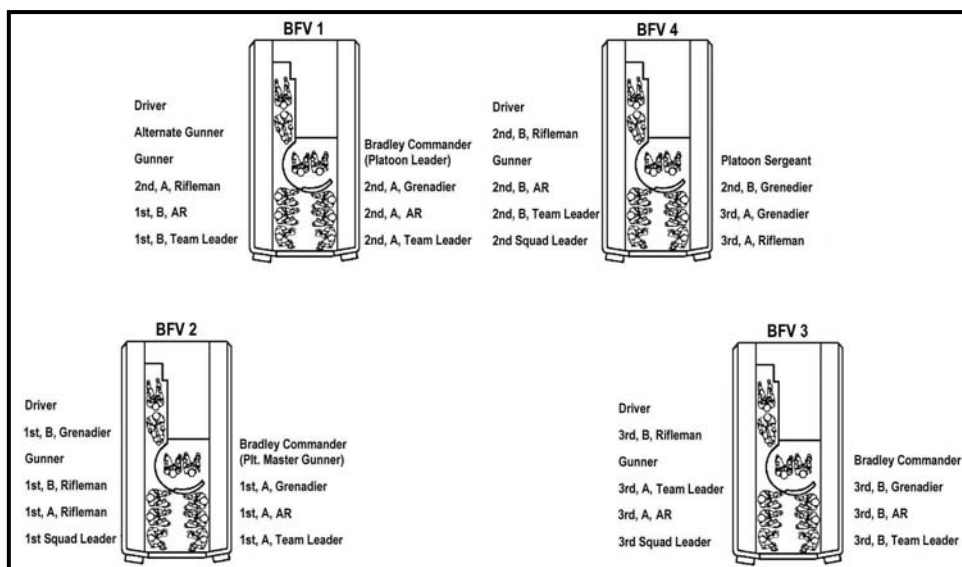


Figure A-3. BFV personnel seating.

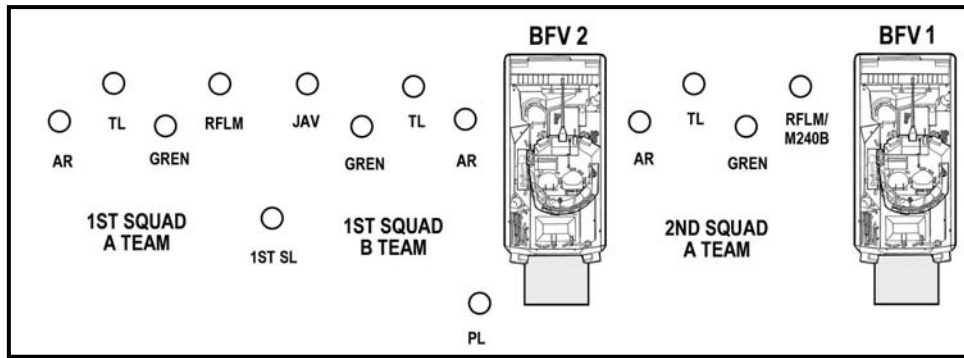


Figure A-5. Example dismount drill, A section, left.

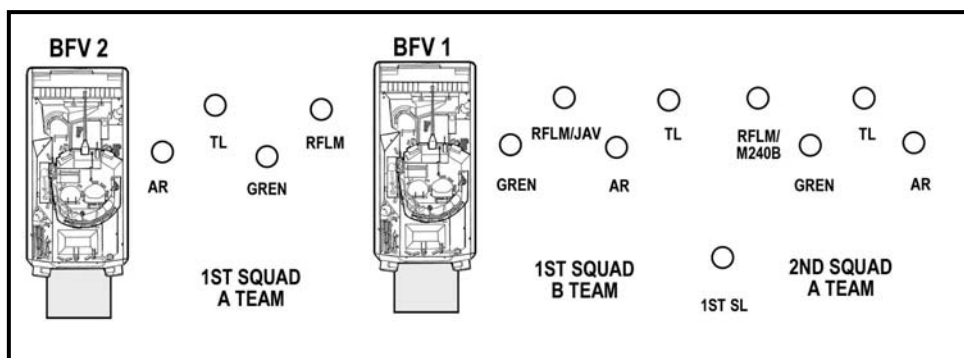


Figure A-6. Example dismount drill, A section, right.

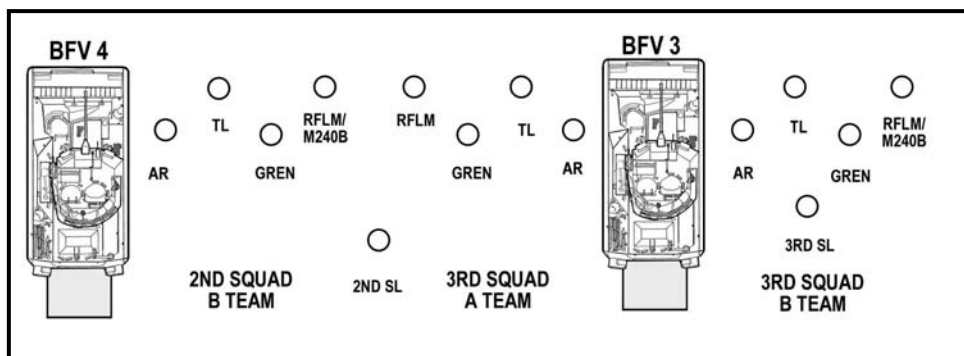


Figure A-7. Example dismount drill, B section, center.

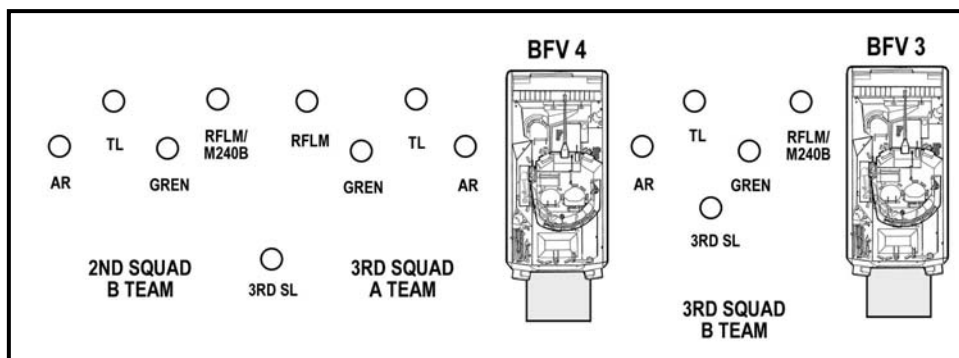


Figure A-8. Example dismount drill, B section, left.

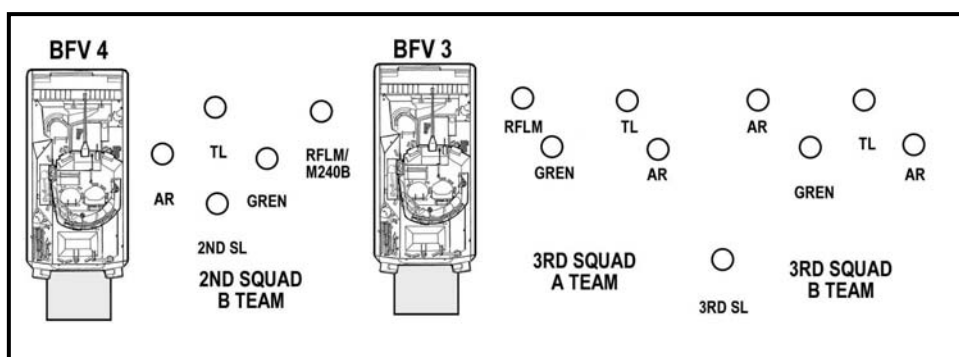


Figure A-9. Example dismount drill, B section, right.